

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 18, 2020.

Hon. MITCH DANIELS,
Governor,
State of Indiana.

I write to inform you that effective Friday, May 21, 2010, I resign from the office of the United States Representatives for the Third Congressional District of Indiana.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Indiana.

Sincerely,

MARK E. SOUDER,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.,
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JESSE L. JACKSON, Jr., Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write to formally notify you that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in a criminal case pending there.

While it is unclear at this time whether the testimony sought "relates to the official functions of the House" within the meaning of Rule VIII.1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I am electing to notify the House of the subpoena out of an abundance of caution.

After consultation with counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.,
Member of Congress.

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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF
BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 56th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling of *Brown v. Board of Education*. It was a landmark case known throughout this country for putting an end to segregated schools.

The case was argued before the Supreme Court by the chief counsel for the NAACP, Thurgood Marshall. The decision by the Justices was unanimous when they declared that the State laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students was unconstitutional.

There followed a period of national debate and unrest over the decision. Then, in 1965, Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which emphasized equal access to education and established high standards and accountability in schools.

Fifty-six years after *Brown* and 45 years after the first ESEA, we are not

finished with our common goal of education equity for all students, whether they attend schools in the inner city or rural America.

As we contemplate ESEA reauthorization, I call upon my colleagues here in the House to support a world-class education system that provides every student with the opportunity to live up to his or her individual potential regardless of race, class, or geographic location. This would be the greatest and best remembrance of this landmark case.

HONORING REV. BOBBY JOHNSON,
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, VAN
BUREN

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Bobby L. Johnson for 30 years of leadership at Van Buren's First Assembly of God.

Under Pastor Johnson's guidance, First Assembly of God has enjoyed much success, and it continues to reach new heights. From revivals and youth camps to ministers' retreats and mission crusades, Pastor Johnson's message resonates with community members, both young and old. Its Sunday school program, which started with 270 students, now has more than 2,000 students. In addition, its campus houses a retirement center, which enables it to reach more seniors.

Pastor Johnson has served in the ministry for many years and has touched the lives of countless individuals, including myself. In addition to being pastor at First Assembly of God, Pastor Johnson serves as a General Presbyter of the Assemblies of God. Prior to joining the First Assembly of God, Van Buren, he served as the Arkansas District Assemblies of God Youth Director.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Johnson's dedication to spreading the gospel is unparalleled; his leadership is unsurpassed. I ask that my colleagues recognized Pastor Johnson for his commitment and service to the ministry and continued success.

WORLD TRADE WEEK

(Ms. BEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my fellow New Dems to highlight the value of trade and exports to our economy. During World Trade Week, it is important for America to demonstrate our commitment to competing and leading in the global marketplace.

To bolster economic recovery and build sustainable economic growth and employment opportunities, America cannot cede emerging markets to our global competitors. Instead, we must

recognize, target, and seek to gain share in high-growth, high-population markets.

Trade agreements that give American workers and products access to new markets, and greater share, are critical to removing barriers to sustainable growth and competitiveness. By ensuring these agreements do not disadvantage American employers but, instead, create a level playing field and are enforced, American innovation and work ethic can and will prevail in the global economy.

I applaud and support the President's National Export Initiative to double our exports in the next 5 years, and I encourage the administration and Congress to resolve remaining issues and move forward on passage of the pending trade agreements. New Dems look forward to working with the administration to do just that.

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(Mr. HASTINGS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the Rules Committee, we met the newest ploy of the Republicans, YouCut.

The rule under consideration was to grant deposition authority to the staff of Ed and Labor regarding the safety issues surrounding the tragic loss of life and limb of coal miners. Enter YouCut.

So-called 240,000 Americans voted on the Internet. The Republicans then chose to offer an amendment to the previous question so that we could not go forward on substantive business, and to cut poor people's opportunities.

First, this is not "American Idol" or "Dancing With the Stars." This is America's legislature. For all we know, on YouCut, Osama bin Laden could be voting.

Please know that not a handful of organized "gotcha" Republicans are going to control this legislature.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

COMMENTS OF MR. RAND PAUL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise because I love America. No one loves the Constitution more than I. No one recites the Pledge of Allegiance with greater spirit than I. No one loves the Declaration of Independence more than I.

I must tell you, Mr. Speaker, that I was shocked last night beyond belief

when I heard the comments of a person who has been nominated for the Senate of the United States of America. I heard the comments of one Mr. Rand Paul, and his comments were shocking because his comments caused me to reflect on a bygone era that I would hate to see us return to.

You see, Mr. Speaker, I have sat in the back of the bus even when there were seats available up near the front. I have had to go to the backdoor to get my food even when there was a facility with no one inside. I have had to drink my water from colored water fountains even when there were other water fountains available, and we had to have a line to go to the colored water fountain. I have had to suffer the indignation and humiliation that segregation imposes upon a person.

I was shocked because I could not believe that a person nominated for the Senate of the United States of America could not say that he would support continuing what we have already fought for and won, and that is, to have persons of color go in the front door at a private facility.

I was shocked. I am still shocked. And I come before this House today not to condemn the person. I don't condemn people, but I do condemn what they do. I condemn what they say.

I come before this House today not to condemn him but, rather, to give him the opportunity to explain himself. And I admonish him that if he does not explain himself, others will explain his position. Either he will explain his position or others will do it for him. I believe that he should explain it, and he should do it with words that are as conspicuously clear as possible, because what he has said is painful to those of us who had to endure these indignations and these humiliations.

I was one of those persons who grew up in the 1960s. I know what it is like to have to do the things that we would have to revisit should he have his way, based upon what I have heard. But maybe he was not given a fair opportunity, and there is time now for him to do for himself what others will do for him if he does not.

I do not know the person who hosts the show "Morning Joe," but I think that he made a significant point. He said that he has 24 hours to explain himself.

I accept the 24-hour pronouncement, and I beg that, within the next 24 hours, that he will explain himself so that we will not misunderstand that on one hand he says he would march with Dr. King but, on the other hand, he does not say that he would allow me, a Member of the House of Representatives in the greatest country in the world, to continue to enter the front door of a private business.

It is a painful revelation. It is a past that we don't like talking about, but it is a past that I had to suffer and live through. And I beg that my colleagues understand that this is no attempt to defeat him in his election. That is for the people of Kentucky.

But there is an attempt to give a person the opportunity to speak up, to stand up and stand for what this country has made possible by virtue of the great and noble ideals presented in the Declaration of Independence: All persons are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I beg that the gentleman will honor my request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

OIL SPILL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, in the short time that I speak here today, thousands of gallons of oil will burst out of a broken well in the floor of the Gulf of Mexico. That oil will add to a catastrophic spill that is now spreading across a widening swath of ocean, coming ashore in Louisiana and devastating the economy of the gulf coast. Every attempt to cap the gusher has thus far failed, and it seems we can anticipate several more months of damage to our coastline, our fisheries, and our environment.

As a Nation, we have been on an oil binge since the 1850s, when we started running out of our previous nonrenewable energy resource, whale oil. The wide-scale destruction that the whale hunts of the 19th century visited on our seas is now mirrored by the damage that offshore drilling is visiting upon the gulf.

Two decades ago, Congress first recognized the danger of offshore drilling and passed a moratorium banning it outside of Alaska and the gulf.

In California, many will remember the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill that spewed out almost 100,000 barrels of oil over 8 days. Lax safety standards and corner-cutting were the immediate culprits in that spill, but the gulf spill shows that, even with today's advanced technology, offshore drilling is fundamentally dangerous.

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Thousands of gallons of oil is spilled each year during normal operations.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita sent over half a million gallons into the Gulf. And even without spills, piping and on-shore operations destroy wetlands, disturb wildlife, and limit tourism. Californians are not willing to risk our tourism and fishing industries or our pristine environment with additional offshore drilling, and I'm happy that the Governor has stepped back from his plan for more drilling off the coast near Santa Barbara. Instead of more drilling and more spills, Californians are leading the way to a high-tech, clean energy future.

A few blocks from my office in Pasadena, you'll find a business incubator that has turned clean-energy ideas into successful companies employing hundreds of Americans. One of these companies is now deploying modular concentrating solar power stations in the Mojave Desert, using mass-produced panels and modern manufacturing techniques to create some of the cheapest solar power in the world. Others are working on more efficient solar cells for rooftops and many other revolutionary technologies.

This kind of technological innovation isn't limited to Southern California. Renewable energy is booming in Texas and Massachusetts, South Dakota and Georgia. And with the first mass-produced plug-in hybrid cars appearing this fall, clean energy will soon be fueling our vehicles as well. But our American-made high-tech boom is threatened by subsidies that keep fossil fuel prices artificially low, stifling competition and sustaining our dangerous dependence on foreign oil. Some of those subsidies are directed, like tax breaks for oil companies. The administration's budget proposes ending \$45 billion worth of subsidies that tilt the playing field away from clean energy.

Other subsidies are indirect, like limited liability for oil spills and air pollution. In the L.A. Basin, endemic smog caused by fossil fuels is a hidden tax on every resident, costing millions of dollars in additional health care and lost work hours. Last year, the National Academy of Sciences estimated that health care and other costs created by gasoline consumption come to about 30 cents a gallon, without considering global warming. That cost is absorbed by all of us in the form of hospital bills and asthma attacks. We must rebalance our energy subsidies so that clean energy can compete on an equal footing with oil, coal, and natural gas.

We need to act quickly because China is now a leader in clean energy technology. In a few short years, the Chinese have developed a vibrant industrial base that produces more photovoltaic cells than any other nation. Meanwhile, China's demand continues to grow. It's the world leader in hydropower, second in wind power, stimulating a job-intensive domestic industry to meet the demand. To boost its green economy, China created a stimulus package worth hundreds of billions of dollars. And Chinese universities and research centers are quickly